



# *Lumpkin County Board of Elections & Registration*

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## **Monthly Meeting**

**January 21, 2014**

### **Attendance:**

Bastian Oskam (Democratic Seat 4) – Chairman  
Ralph Drew (Republican Seat 1) – Vice Chairman  
Sallie Sorohan (Democratic Seat 3) – Board Member  
Dottie Krull (Republican Seat 2) – Board Member  
Ashley Peck – Secretary, Elections Supervisor & Chief Registrar

**I. Call to order.** Mr. Oskam called the meeting to order at 9:37 am.

### **II. Approval of Previous Minutes of December 20, 2013.**

*Motion:* Mr. Drew made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ms. Krull seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **III. Public Hearing – Challenges by the Board**

In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-228, a hearing was held to determine the eligibility to remain on the electors list of eight individuals. No challenged voters were in attendance.

- All eight challenges were due to invalid residential addresses, Department of Drivers Services' records showing an out of county address, or records showing they are currently registered in other states. All resources were researched in order to contact the voters and letters were mailed to all addresses found for each voter.
- Ms. Sorohan makes a motion to delete the eight individuals from the voter list. Mr. Drew seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Resolved, that these eight voters are no longer qualified to be registered in Lumpkin County.

### **IV. Budget**

- **2013 Budget:** Ms. Peck reports on the 2013 budget. Ms. Peck reports that there were no overages with the 2013 budget. Ms. Peck gives all Board Members a copy of the office expenses for the 2013 year.
- **2014 Budget:** Ms. Peck gives all Board Members a copy of the 2014 budget for their review.

### **V. Contingency Plan Review/By Laws Review**

- Ms. Krull and Ms. Sorohan will be reviewing the Elections Contingency Plan and the Board of Elections By Laws to update the information and reflect the move of the Elections and Voter Registration Office. The Board will review the changes to the Contingency Plan and By Laws at the February Monthly Meeting.

### **VI. News**

- Ms. Peck discusses the upcoming training conference held by the Secretary of State
  - a) Ms. Peck explains that the two conferences, GEOA and VRAG, have been combined into one conference for 2014.
  - b) The Board decides that all members will attend the conference in 2014.
  - c) The Board decides that a poll worker will be asked to cover the office during the conference.
- Ms. Peck discusses the new legislation that has recently been passed.
  - a) Ms. Peck explains that all ethics filings will now be filed with the Election Superintendent instead of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission.
  - b) Ms. Peck explains that HB 310 has been passed. The changes made by this bill are as follows:
    - The Primary Election date has been moved to May 20, 2014.

- Qualifying for the Primary and General Election has been moved to March 3 – March 7.
- The Primary Runoff date has been moved to July 22, 2014.
- Advance Voting for the Primary Runoff will now be 3 weeks instead of 1 week.

**VII.** The Board discusses the efficiency and accuracy of the office staff as well as additional training opportunities that could be offered.

**VIII. Upcoming Events:**

- a) 2/13: Redistricting Training
- b) 3/3 – 3/7: Qualifying

**IX. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2014 at 9:00 am.

*Mr. Drew makes a motion to close the meeting. Ms. Sorohan seconds the motion. Motion carries.*

Mr. Oskam adjourns the meeting at 11:32 am.